

**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS
MONDAY, MAY 5, 2014**

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

I. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

The regular meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Psychological Examiners was held at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey in the Hudson Conference Room, 6th floor, on Monday, May 5, 2014. At 10:00 a.m. Chair, Dr. Nancy Friedman opened the meeting by reading the following opening statement:

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mail to the Office of the Secretary of the State of New Jersey, The Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Record and the Courier Post.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D. Chair
Loretto A. Brickfield, Ph.D., Vice-Chair
Francesca Peckman, Psy.D.
Joanne Van Nest, Ph.D.
Amie Wolf-Mehlman, Ph.D., Secretary

Also Attending:

Jodi Krugman, Deputy Attorney General
J. Michael Walker, Executive Director
Michela Ross, Government Rep
Wanda Ginn, Administrative Staff

Absent:

Carmen A. Rodriguez, Deputy Attorney General

III. REVIEW OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES

No minutes to review.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director, J. Michael Walker informed the Board of the following changes to the Board's meeting schedule: the July 7, 2014 meeting will be rescheduled for July 21, 2014 and the August 4, 2014 meeting has been canceled due to lack of quorum.

V. REPORT ON JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATIONS

Upon unanimous vote of all the members present, the Board went into Executive session for discussion of the jurisprudence examinations. The Board returned to open session.

LICENSED BY EXAMINATION

Upon motion made by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman and seconded by Dr. Peckman, the following candidates qualified for licensure. Voting in favor: all.

Jurisprudence Examinations

May 12, 2014 at 930 a.m.

Debra Drucker, Ph.D.

Mona Krishan, Ph.D.

Kristine Pillmeier, Psy.D.

Ziporah Torbiner, Psy.D.

Jurisprudence Examinations

May 12, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.

James Glynn, Psy.D.

Daniel Jones, Psy.D.

Leah Knapp, Psy.D.

Barbara Romain, Ph.D.

Andrea Sanders, Psy.D.

Jasmine Ueng-McHale, Ph.D.

VI. REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY PERMIT

*Upon motion made by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman and seconded by Dr. Peckman, the following candidates were unanimously approved for a three (3) year temporary permit for the **supervised** practice of psychology: Voting in favor: all.*

Jennifer Rosen, Psy.D.

Michelle Victoria, Ph.D.

Cara Church, Ph.D.

Meredith Carleton, Psy.D.

Marissa Lipkin, Psy.D.

*Upon motion made by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman and seconded by Dr. Peckman, the following candidates were unanimously approved for a one (1) year temporary permit for the **unsupervised** practice of psychology: Voting in favor: all.*

Rebecca Penna, Ph.D.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Senya Mahler, Ph.D., TP #103-036

The Board reviewed Dr. Mahler's April 20, 2014 letter requesting an extension of his three-year supervised temporary permit beyond the May 21, 2014 expiration date in order

to prepare for the jurisprudence examination. *Upon motion by Dr. Peckman, seconded by Dr. Van Nest, the Board voted to extend Dr. Mahler's permit until his June 2, 2014 scheduled permit conference. Voting in favor: all.*

B. Keira Boerzel-Smith, JD, Advocacy and Outreach Coordinator, New Jersey Psychological Association (NJPA)

The Board reviewed Dr. Boerzel-Smith's April 17, 2014 e-mail requesting approval of NJPA's draft memorandum to its members regarding "private letters of advisement." *Upon motion by Dr. Van Nest, seconded by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, the Board voted to modify the language as follows: "As a policy, New Jersey professional boards could privately advise a licensee as to how they wanted the licensee to deal with certain matters within his/her private practice. These written advisements were referred to as "private letters of advisement." In October 2013, Eric T. Kanesfsky, former Director of Consumer Affairs, notified all professional boards including the Board of Psychological Examiners that New Jersey professional boards' letters of advisement will no longer be deemed private and are discoverable through the Open Public Records Act (OPRA)." Voting in favor: all.*

C. Joseph Primavera, III, Ph.D.

The Board reviewed Dr. Primavera's March 19, 2014 letter inquiring if his education and experience would apply for New Jersey licensure. *Upon motion by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman seconded by Dr. Peckman the Board voted to inform Dr. Primavera that the Board would need to review his course work and documentation of post-doctorate supervision in order to respond to his inquiry. The Board encourages Dr. Primavera to apply for New Jersey licensure and at that time will review all his credentials. Voting in favor: all.*

D. Mitchel Ostrer, Judge, Appellate Division RE: Rules of Evidence - Mental Health Service Provider-Patient Privilege

The Board reviewed the April 3, 2014 letter from Mr. Ostrer requesting comment on Rule 534: Mental Health Service Provider Privilege. *Upon motion by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman seconded by Dr. Van Nest, the Board voted to express its support for a uniform provider privilege and appreciates the work that was done and the delicate balance they are trying to create but the Board had concerns regarding diluting the privilege for exception in Exemption number six (6) using reports in other settings. Voting in favor: all.*

E. Letitia Pickel, Psy.D. TP #113-027

The Board reviewed Dr. Pickel's April 25, 2014 letter requesting an extension of her permit beyond the May 31, 2014 expiration date *Upon motion by Dr. Peckman, seconded by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, the Board voted to extend Dr. Pickel's permit until her June 2, 2014 scheduled permit conference. Voting in favor: all.*

VIII. REPORT ON PERMIT CONFERENCES

A. Christina Walters, Psy.D./Kristine Keane, Psy.D., supervisor

Dr. Walters was seen by a committee of the Board to discuss her plan for taking the E.P.P.P. written examination. *Upon motion by Dr. Van Nest, seconded by Dr. Brickfield the Board voted to recommend that Dr. Walters decrease her case load from 5 days a week to 4 and also cut back on her administrative caseload. Dr. Walters plans to re-take the examination by July 31, 2014. Voting in favor: all.*

B. Mary Winzinger, Ph.D./Lee Monday, Ph.D., supervisor

Dr. Winzinger was seen by a committee of the Board to discuss her plan for taking the E.P.P.P. written examination. *Upon motion by Dr. Peckman, seconded by Dr. Van Nest, the Board voted not to recommend any changes to Dr. Winzinger's case load. Dr. Winzinger is currently working under her Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) license and her permit may be placed on inactive status. Voting in favor: all.*

C. Miriam Burt, Psy.D./Linda Centeno, Ph.D., supervisor

Dr. Burt was seen by a committee of the Board to discuss her plan for taking the jurisprudence written examination. *Upon motion by Dr. Van Nest, seconded by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, the Board voted schedule Dr. Burt to take the jurisprudence examination on June 24, 2014. The Board also voted to extend Dr. Burt's permit. Dr. Burt will be informed that her permit will expire on July 1, 2014. Voting in favor: all.*

D. Darren Caffery, Ph.D./Theodore Batlas, Psy.D., supervisor

Dr. Caffery was seen by a committee of the Board to discuss his plan for taking the E.P.P.P. written examination. *Upon motion by Dr. Brickfield, seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted to recommend that Dr. Caffery reduce his caseload from 5 days a week to 4. The Board also voted to extend Dr. Caffery's permit. The Board voted to extend Dr. Caffery's permit contingent upon taking the E.P.P.P. examination by October 15, 2014. Dr. Caffery will be informed that his permit will expire on November 1, 2014. Voting in favor: all.*

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Dennis Finger, Ed.D, New Jersey Psychological Association (NJPA)

Dr. Finger inquired if the NJPA can comment on Rule 534 - Mental Health **Provider-Patient Privilege**. *The Board informed Dr. Finger that any comments the NJPA has may be submitted in writing to the Court.*

X. MEETING DATES FOR 2014

July 21, 2014

September 8, 2014

October 6, 2014

November 1, 2014

December 3, 2014

XI. MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman, seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board moved to Executive Session at 11:51 a.m. to discuss consumer complaints and potential disciplinary actions. Voting in favor all.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Dr. Wolf-Mehlman seconded by Dr. Peckman, the Board voted to return to Public Session. The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m. Voting in favor: all.

Respectfully submitted,

Amie Wolf-Mehlman, Ph.D.
Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Date: Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D.
Chair